

**Response to Comments Table
Mineral Resources Chapter (October 19, 2009)**

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Page #, Ref.	Commenter	Comment	Response
Pg. 6.1 Intro	Agriculture Department	Revise Introduction to acknowledge the Agriculture Element: “Many policies in the water, air quality, soils and biological resources chapters of this Element <u>and the Agriculture Element</u> relate to mineral resources.”	Agree. Revise the first sentence of the section titled Relationship to Other Elements, Plans and Programs: _“Many policies in the water, air quality, soils and biological resources chapters of this Element <u>and in the Agriculture Element</u> relate to mineral resources.”
Pg 6.4 IS 2.1.2	Bob Kober; Calportland Construction	Will IS 2.1.2 apply to existing sand mining operations that are fully permitted now but will have to be re-permitted in 10 years.	The IS is meant to be addressed on a watershed basis, not on an individual mining operation basis. However, future land use permits could trigger the need for each operator to agree to participate in a larger management plan effort.
Pg 6.4 Policy 3.4	Agriculture Department	Revise Policy 3.4, Site Restoration: “Require that applications for proposed extraction operations include plans for preserving the long-term <u>agricultural</u> productivity of the site and other affected lands, as well as...”	The use of “productivity” is wider than just agricultural productivity. The second sentence of this policy calls for restoration of important agricultural soils
Pg 6.6 IS 3.1-3.5	Agriculture Department	Revise: “Amend Land Use Ordinance, Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance, and/or Area Plan standards as needed to assure that proposed mineral or oil extraction projects adequately protect <u>agricultural lands and operations and</u> environmentally sensitive resources and important agricultural soils . (Also refer to Soils Policy SL 3.1)”	Revise IS for MN 3.1-3.5: “Amend Land Use Ordinance, Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance, and/or Area Plan standards as needed to assure that proposed mineral or oil extraction projects adequately protect environmentally sensitive resources, <u>and important agricultural soils, and existing uses.</u> (Also refer to Soils Policy SL 3.1)”
Pg 6.8 IS Table MN-2	Agriculture Department	Add County Department of Agriculture as a responsible agency for IS 3.1-3.5	Agree. Revise Table MN-2 by adding the County Department of Agriculture as a responsible agency for IS 3.1-3.5.